

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed May 17, 2005 ("Office Action"). At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 4-13 and 15-22 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1, 2, 11-13, and 22; and objects to Claims 4-10 and 15-21. Applicants amend Claims 1, 5-6, 8-12, 16-17, and 19-21 to advance prosecution. Applicants cancel Claims 4 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants do not admit that these amendments or cancellations were necessary as a result of any cited art. Applicants add New Claims 23-28 which contain no new subject matter.

Section 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 1, 2, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,050,230 issued to Jones et al. ("*Jones*"). The Examiner rejects Claims 11 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Jones* in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,305,131 issued to Best ("*Best*"). The Examiner states that Claims 4-10 and 15-21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants amend Claims 1 and 12 to incorporate various elements from objected to Claims 4 and 15, respectively. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of Claims 1 and 12, and all pending claims that depend therefrom. Applicants add New Claims 23-28 to pursue subject matter recognized by the Examiner has not being taught, suggested, or disclosed by the art references (e.g., subject matter of Claim 4). Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of New Claims 22-28.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Samir A. Bhavsar, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6581.

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